**Hydel power potential in H.P.**

†1136. SHRI KIRPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh has capacity to generate 25,000 MW of hydel power; and

(b) if so, schemes of Government to exploit the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Central Electricity Authority had identified a hydro power potential of approximately 18,820 MW in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) 18 Hydro power projects with an installed capacity of 3,978 MW have already been developed and 10 hydro projects of 4,054 MW installed capacity are under development. Further, 12 schemes with installed capacity of 2,513 MW are under different stages of Survey and Investigation in Himachal Pradesh.

The Ministry of Power has sanctioned a scheme to prepare Pre-feasibility Reports for 162 Hydro-electric Schemes in the country having an aggregate installed capacity of 50,650 MW, out of which 12 schemes of 3,750 MW are in Himachal Pradesh.

**Funds for rural electrification in Himachal Pradesh**

1137. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Rural Electrification Corporation for providing electricity in Himachal Pradesh, specially in hilly regions and far-flung areas during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the reasons for tardy progress in rural electricity in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Details of loans disbursed by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) to Himachal Pradesh are as under:

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